

# **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OFFICE NAIROBI, KENYA**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**FISCAL YEAR 2013  
(October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013)**

**Covering  
Angola, Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon,  
Comoros, DR of Congo, Djibouti,  
Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya,  
Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius,  
Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Reunion,  
Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Somalia,  
Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda Zambia  
and Zimbabwe**

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## NAIROBI OFFICE HIGHLIGHTS FY2013

### **Trends:**

Unfortunately, the year ended with a violent tragedy that affected us all. On September 21, 2013 the lovely, upscale Westgate Mall was attacked by several Somali terrorists in broad daylight and held in hostage for four days. Nearly seventy people were murdered, a huge fire burned for two days and the place was largely ransacked. Although no embassy personnel were killed or injured, we all know someone who knew someone who either was killed, injured or narrowly escaped. The embassy closed for two days and we were advised to stay close to home. The mall is in utter ruins and no one knows if or when it will be rebuilt. It was the worst terrorist attack here in Kenya since the embassy bombing in 1998.

Book prices are going up and the number of items published in print going down. In Kenya, the VAT tax has been extended to cover books and printed materials raising the price of these materials by 16%. More NGOs and government agencies continue to publish online only and consequently we have to work harder to find fewer printed documents. We continue to capture PDF document files when possible for those entities no longer publishing in print.

### **Statistics at a glance:**

- Acquired 89,365 pieces for the Library of Congress and AfriCAP
- Acquired 31,311 pieces for the Library of Congress
- Acquired 58,054 pieces for AfriCAP participants
- Acquired 2,841 books for the Library of Congress
- Acquired 23,502 newspapers and gazettes for the Library of Congress
- Acquired 4,396 other serials for the Library of Congress
- Acquired 572 non-book materials for the Library of Congress
- Created 2,125 new bibliographic records for materials acquired for the Library of Congress
- Created or modified 1,171 authority records
- Created 2,105 serials holdings records in ILS
- Scanned 322 items for D-TOC project
- Sent 725 electronic briefs and items to Law, CRS, FRD and AMED
- Completed 1,618 acquisitions visits to sources for the Library of Congress and CAP participants (718 on acquisitions trips and approximately 900 done within Nairobi)

**Most Notable Programs:**

World Digital Library: The office hosted the director of the World Digital Library, Dr. John Van Oudenaren. He gave a well-received lecture about the WDL with a Kenyan audience of 40 in the American Resource Library. This was followed by refreshments so attendees could mingle and further interact with Dr. Van Oudenaren. He also hosted a dinner with the Kenya National Library Service director, Richard Atuti, as he was not able to attend the lecture.

Resource Description and Access: The cataloging team organized a successful train-the-trainer RDA workshop for some 16 Kenyan librarians. State's Public Affairs Section provided the venue and workstations for participants.

**Acquisitions:**

The total number of pieces acquired for LOC and AfriCAP stands at 89,365, off by 8.8% from last year. Of this total, 31,311 pieces are for the Library of Congress and 58,054 pieces for AfriCAP participants.

Posters: Not counted in the above statistics are 56 artistic or factually interesting posters sent to LOC's Prints and Photographs Division.

**Services to LOC and the world of Cataloging:**

Catalogers deemed "independent" for double digit cutting and local language whole book cataloging in all subject areas. They also assisted in the promotion of RDA in Kenya by coordinating a successful RDA workshop.

**Service to CRS, LAW, AMED:**

Scanned and emailed several chapters of book titled "The Hard Road to Reform: The Global Political Agreement in Zimbabwe, Harare: Weaver Press, 2013 for a CRS analyst.

We sent some 500 daily news briefings compiled by State's Public Affairs Sections in Kenya and Ethiopia to CRS, FRS and AMED.

We also sent 225 electronic issues of the Namibia *Official Gazette* to the Law Library.

Although not specifically mentioned, we basked in reflected glory as the Law Library was honored by the State Department with an award. CRS reports cited by State were on "wildlife trafficking laws throughout central and south Africa" with much of the source material likely coming from the Nairobi office.

**Digitized Table of Contents Project:**

LOC Nairobi continues to contribute to the Digitized Table of Contents (DTOC) project. This year 322 titles were processed for the DTOC Project. The figure is less than last year due to cuts to overtime funding.

### ***Quarterly Index to African Periodical Literature:***

We successfully brokered a deal with the African Studies Centre, Leiden, to take over this index. In so doing, they were able to incorporate the entire QIAPL index into their AfricaBib full text database and added over 6,000 links to full text articles to our citations. See announcement in Appendix section (page 56).

### **Services to the Scholarly Community and LOC/CRL/CAMP for Newspaper Preservation:**

AfriCAP continues to be useful to the scholarly community. Membership remains solid with 32 current members.

Three proposals for microfilming newspapers were approved by CAMP for a total of \$25,064. Proposals were for Somali papers from 1998-2012; the *Nation* (Blantyre, Malawi), January 2011-December 2012; and the other for various older papers from Rwanda, Kenya and Mozambique from 1999-2012.

### **Public Service Outreach:**

As a coda to the Library's 2009 National Book Festival, the Somali/English books espied there by the FD and used for a story hour in Garissa, have been picked up by USAID as per the FD's suggestion and reprinted this year. Nearly 50,000 copies of four Somali tales were reprinted, distributed and used for story hours in the Kenya-based Somali community schools and madrassas.

## **SELECTED SIGNIFICANT ACQUISITIONS FOR FY2013**

### **BOTSWANA**

**Art Botswana: Thapong, 1989-2011.** Gaborone, Botswana: co-published by Thapong Trust and Motaki Books, 2012.



The Thapong Visual Art Trust was created to bring international artists together with local artists to catapult the level of visual arts in Botswana. Over the years it nurtured painters, sculptors, and printmakers through dialogue, workshops and exhibitions. Features over 150 local and international artists who have passed through the Thapong doors with biographies and examples of their work.

Brook, Michael C. **Botswana's diamonds: prospecting to jewellery.** Gaborone, Botswana : Michael C. Brook, 2012.

Traces the history of the diamond industry in Botswana from the 1950s to the present. At the time of publication there were seven diamond mines in Botswana producing some 37% of the global diamond production and 35% of the GDP for the country. The author follows the diamond pipeline from “mine to finger” or “rough to stone” in this profusely illustrated tome.



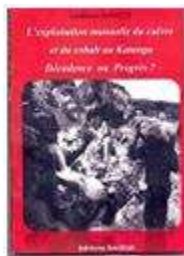
## CAMEROON

Nyama, Jean Marie. **Droit et contentieux du travail et de la securite sociale au Cameroun.** Yaounde, Cameroun: PUCAC, 2012.

Highlights the labor and social security laws in Cameroon. The author intends to facilitate the extension of the legislation in force today in Cameroon concerning the two contentious laws.

## D.R. CONGO

**Kandji, Ladain. Exploitation manuelle du cuivre et du cobalt au Katanga decadence ou progres?** Lubumbashi, Congo: Editions Baobab, [2010]

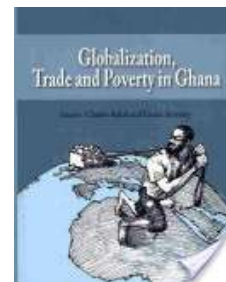


This book deals with the manual exploration of minerals in Katanga, particularly copper and cobalt and whether such a practice is an exploitation of the multi-nationals on the local population.

## GHANA

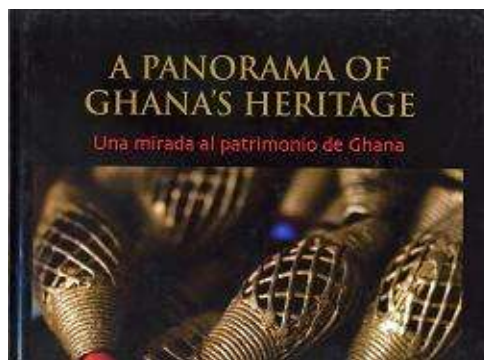
**Globalization, trade, and poverty in Ghana.** Ottawa: International Development Research Centre, Accra, Ghana: Sub-Saharan Publishers, 2012.

This volume is one response to the challenge posed by the paucity of recent empirical evidence on the poverty and distributional impacts of trade policy reform in Ghana. It analyzes how trade liberalization affects the well-being of households and in particular, if the outcome it generates is pro-poor, with particular interests in the gender-differentiated impact. In Ghana, as in many Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) countries, poverty remains the fundamental problem confronting policy makers in the new millennium. The results presented in this study confirm that trade liberalization has had both positive and negative medium term impacts on different categories of households. Trade liberalization may therefore be a partial explanation for the increase in inequality that Ghana has experienced in the recent years, though the overall impact of trade liberalization appears to have been positive and have contributed to poverty reduction over the longer term.

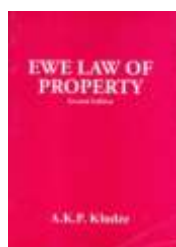


**Panorama of Ghana's heritage = Una mirada al patrimonio de Ghana.** Legon, Accra, Ghana, West Africa: Sub-Saharan Publishers, 2012.

The publication gives a kaleidoscopic snapshot of the mix of cultures and livelihoods of the people of Ghana along the route and across the centuries, offering the reader a glimpse of the intangible heritage that has been passed down from generation to generation. In so doing, the book demonstrates the reflection made by the writer that “the Ghanaian scene today is something of a demographic and cultural mosaic.” In both English and Spanish, it showcases the nation’s cultural and natural treasures. It can serve as a quick reference-guide book for heritage scholars, students and tour operators to access introductory information on some aspects of the Ghanaian culture.



Kludze, A.K.P. **Ewe law of property.** Accra: SonLife Press, 2012.

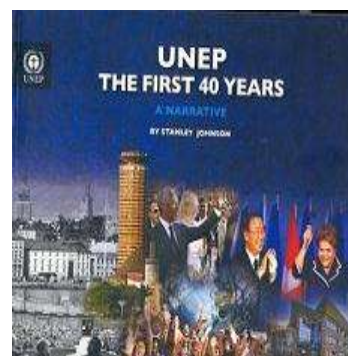


This publication discusses Ewe customary law for Ghana’s Ewe people. It’s the second edition, coming four decades after the original edition was released. It was necessary to revise and update this text owing to numerous revisions and updates to the law since the first one was published. Notable is the intestate succession law, 1985. This publication is useful to all legal players, and can possibly be used by Ewe speaking communities outside the Ghana borders.

## **KENYA**

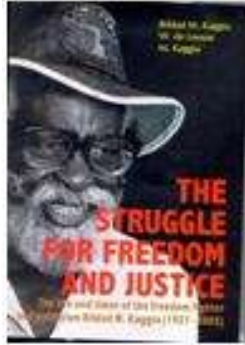
Johnson, Stanley. **The first 40 years: a narrative.** Nairobi, Kenya: United Nations Environment Programme, [2012].

This is a narrative of the first 40 years of UNEP. The title provides a unique perspective of the life and times of the environment program of the UN since its inception in 1972. The book details the history of the Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) organization over the last four decades. It charts the evolution of UNEP from its inception at the Stockholm conference of 1972 to its position today at the heart of the global environmental movement. The book explains in depth UNEP's role at the forefront of efforts to protect the environment and is stuffed with interesting facts and figures.





Kaggia, Bildad M. (Bildad), 1921-2005. *The struggle for freedom and justice: the life and times of the freedom fighter and politician Bildad M. Kagia (1921-2005)*. Nairobi, Kenya: Transafrica Press, 2012.



The book is about the life and times of the freedom fighter and politician Bildad M. Kaggia—one of the famous Kapenguria six. He describes the bitterness of racial discrimination in colonial Kenya during his youth and how he joined the British army in 1941 principally to seize the opportunity to travel to Jerusalem and to England. The leading themes in the book are Kenya's struggle for independence and the subsequent betrayal of freedom and justice.

Willson, James G. **Guerrillas of Tsavo: diary of a forgotten campaign: British East Africa, 1914-1916**. Diani, Kenya: J. Willson, 2012.



The Guerrillas of Tsavo brings to light the extensive part played by East Africa, in particular communities of Taveta, Tsavo and the South coast area in shaping the course of history. It portrays the actions of a force just 15,000 African and European troops under the remarkable leadership of Colonel Paul Von Lettow-Vorbeck, who against all odds, engaged a far superior Empire and Allied collective army of 300,000 troops from 21 different countries.

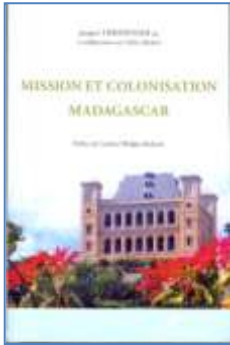
**Five decades of inspired and inspiring debate: Mwai Kibaki in parliament 1963-2013.** Nairobi : Presidential Press Service, State House, 2013

This work, as the title suggests is about five decades of inspired and inspiring debate when President Mwai Kibaki served as a member of parliament who distinguished himself through exceptionally outstanding performance in the legislature and to the republic of Kenya. Apart from being the third president of the Republic of Kenya, he also served Kenya in many other capacities including vice president, minister of finance, health to name a few.



## MADAGASCAR

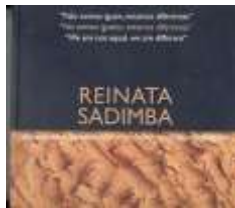
Tiersonnier, Jacques. *Mission et colonisation: Madagascar*. Paris: L'Harmattan, c2012.



The author wants to clear up the confusion between mission and colonization and seeks to define the features which distinguish them. She uses the context of Madagascar to argue that while remaining independent of political context, some missionaries may engage in the political and social life.

## MOZAMBIQUE

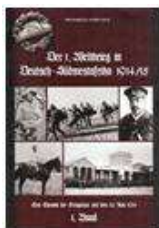
Gandolfo, Gianfranco. **Reinata Sadimba: esculturas/ceramicas**. Maputo : Kapicua, 2012.



Reinata Sadimba, one of the best known ceramic artists from Mozambique, is the subject of this lavishly illustrated study of local artistic production. Self-affirmation and identity, old and new, sculptor revealed, transformations in woman and her work, tradition and contemporary are some of the themes she explores through her expressive artistry with clay.

## NAMIBIA

**Historicus africanus. Der 1. Weltkrieg in Deutsch-Sudwestafrika, 1914/15**. Klein Windhoek, Namibia: Glanz & Gloria Verlag, 2011



The book gives a chronology of the landmark events from the beginning of the war until the battle of Sandfontein. The author highlights in details important decisions, strategies by the German during the war.

Ruppel, Oliver C. and Katharina Ruppel-Schlichting. **Environmental law and policy in Namibia: towards making Africa the tree of life**. Windhoek: Hanns Seidel Foundation Namibia, 2013.





This publication offers a multifaceted insight into environmental law and policy. It is a second and fully revised edition, coming after the success of the first edition in Namibia, Africa and the rest of the world. Namibia's constitution has specific laws that deal with conserving nature, and the government has been successful in implementing environmental law in its policies.

## RWANDA

Nzabonimpa, Jacques. **Souvenirs du Rwanda: histoire culture et tourisme**. Butare, Kigali: Institute of Scientific and Technological Research, 2011.

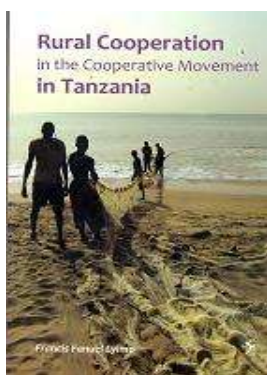


The book briefly highlights Rwanda's distinctive culture, history and tourism in the country.

**Rwanda reconciliation barometer**. Kigali, Rwanda: National Unity and Reconciliation Commission, 2010.

The book is an attempt at deepening an understanding on how the ordinary citizens in Rwanda perceive the unity and reconciliation efforts by the government. It describes the successes and challenges of this program.

Lyimo, Francis Fanuel. **Rural cooperation in the cooperative movement in Tanzania**. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: Mkuki na Nyota, c2012.



The book covers the field of cooperative movement. It highlights the strategies and challenges of cooperation and acts as a useful basis for policy makers in the cooperative sector, which is a significant part of the private sector in Tanzania, and indeed in most African countries.

John, Ibrahim Werrema. *After 50 years: the promised land is still too far!, 1961 - 2011*. Dar es Salaam: Mkuki na Nyota Publishers Ltd., 2012.



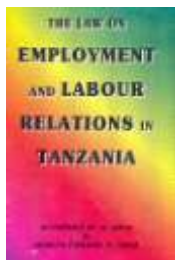
The author offers an in-depth look at the successes and failures of three former presidents of Tanzania, namely the late Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere, Alhajj Ali H. Mwinyi, and Mr. Benjamin W. Mkapa.

**Tanzania: HIV/AIDS and malaria indicator survey 2011-12.** Dar-es-Salaam: Tanzania Commission for AIDS, 2013.



HIV/AIDS and malaria continue to be two of the most important health problems facing Tanzania today. The government has put in place national policies to combat both diseases and change sexual behavior among other measures. This report helps to better understand the magnitude and patterns of infection in the general reproductive age population and children under five years of age. The report includes data from both mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar.

Urio, Alphonse M.A. **The law on employment and labour relations in Tanzania.** Moshi: Urio, A.M.A., 2011.



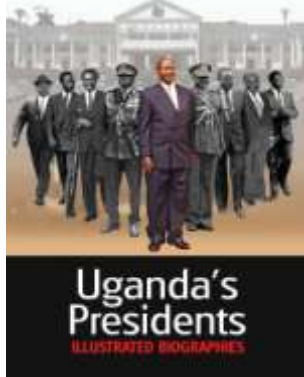
When labor laws were first introduced in Tanzania during the colonial times, it was largely in favor of the colonial “masters”. Little, if anything, was documented to protect the laborers (slaves). In recent times, the labor law has been revised, but is still highly misunderstood among the employers and employees. This discusses to great length the law and its application, in a manner easily understood by all interested parties.

## UGANDA

**Independent Uganda: the first 50 years 1962-2012.** Kampala: Tourguide Pub., 2012.

The book takes the reader through five decades, highlighting both high points and the low points, light and soft moments of a shared journey as a nation. It is structured to cover topics such as power, politics and personalities, economy infrastructure among others. Each of this is rich in information and photographs that bring the past alive, first with a general overview and then a specific focus on some of the key events that shaped the country's history

**Uganda's presidents: an illustrated biography.** Kampala : Fountain Publishers, 2012.



This is the first comprehensive political biography of Uganda's leaders. The book endeavors to present them in their totality, not just as political actors with well-documented achievements and failures, but as people who had childhoods, families, quirks, hobbies and dreams. Diligent research has ensured that only the facts are given-even the uncomfortable truths that, in the past, have been kept firmly hidden away from the realm of common knowledge. This is an enthralling collection, enhanced by high-quality photographs that vividly bring each biography to life. It serves as an indispensable aid to an honest reflection and recall of Uganda's past, for both the present and future generations of Ugandans

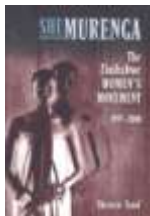
## ZIMBABWE



**2011 child labour survey report.** Harare: ZimStat, 2012.

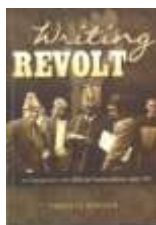
Child labor in Zimbabwe has become a major economic and social problem, especially with the current political and economic conditions. This publication documents the statistics and prevalence of child labor in Zimbabwe, and it is categorized by both economic and non-economic forms.

Essof, Shereen. **Shemurenga: the Zimbabwean women's movement 1995–2000.** Harare: Weaver Press, 2013.



In Zimbabwe “Chimurenga” is commonly associated with the struggle against colonization and later white minority rule. This is associated with eras of revolutionary struggle. The title of this book “She-murenga” is an attempt to extend and reclaim the dominant meanings, revealing Zimbabwean women’s struggles for rights, equality and lives free from violence.

Ranger, Terence. **Writing revolt: an engagement with African nationalism, 1957-67.** Harare; Weaver Press, 2013.



This is an autobiography written by a pioneer of African history. He writes accounts of African nationalist struggle in Rhodesia between 1957 and 1967. Letters from a wide variety of political actors and observers are included and this gives a wholesome account of experiences in and out of the country as well as in and out of prison during that period.